Offer of US Incentives to India for Signing NPT

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Mr. Strobe Talbott, US Deputy Secretary of State during his recent visit to New Delhi offered any specific incentives to bring India round to capping its nuclear programme and to sign non proliferation treaty as it has been done in the case of Pakistan by supplying F-16 and P-3 aircrafts;

(b) if so, what incentives were offered to India, parallel to the supply of F-16 and P-3 aircrafts to Pakistan; and

(c) what was Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Pak Army Chief's visit to USA

4618. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff visited U. S. A. in March, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the deails thereof;

(c) whether this visit was aimed to conclude the supply of F-16 War Planes to Pakistan and also to cap nuclear weapons programme of Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof with account of discussions held in this regard;

(e) whether Government have conveyed its serious concern to US Government on supply of F-16 War Planes to Pakistan; and

(f) if so, the reaction thereto received from U.S. Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) The Pakistan Chief of Army Staff visited USA for 10 days commencing 29 March, 1994 at the invitation of his US counterpart. He was in Washington between 31 March—3 April, 1994 and visited various US Army installation thereafter. While in Washington, the Pakistan COAS met, inter alia, with the US Army Chief of Staff, the Defence Secretary the National Security Adviser, the Deputy Secretary of State and the Under Secretary for Defence Policy.

(c) and (d) The visit was in keeping with the regular exchanges of Service Chiefs between US and Pakistan. It is reported that the Pakistan COAS discussed US-Pakistan defence cooperation including the US proposal to transfer F-16s to Pakistan in return for a verifiable capping of Pakistan's production of fissile material.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The US believes that the transfer of F-16s to Pakistan in return for a verifiable capping of its production of fissile material is a bilateral non-proliferation initiative between the US and Pakistan and would advance US policy objectives with regard to non-proliferation.

Formation of Kashmir Unit

4619. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmir Unit of Desk has been formed in the Ministry of External Affairs; and

(b) if so, what is the rationale behind such a decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) A